

QUALIFYING PROCEDURES FOR CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR OF TENNESSEE

1. **Qualifications.** To seek or hold the office of Tennessee Governor, a person must be at least 30 years of age, a citizen of the United States and have been a citizen of Tennessee for 7 years before the election.
2. **Qualifying Petition.** Candidates may obtain a nominating petition from a county election commission office or the office of the Coordinator of Elections. Petitions may be obtained no more than 90 days before the qualifying deadline date. Therefore, the first day petitions may be issued is on January 3, 2014. Each page of the petition should be signed by the candidate and an election official and may not be photocopied. Additional pages may be obtained as necessary.
3. **Voters' Signatures.** The nominating petition must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) voters who are registered anywhere in Tennessee. The signature of the candidate does not count towards the required twenty-five (25) signatures. Each voter who signs the petition must also supply his or her residence address as it appears on the voter registration records.
4. **Filing deadline.** Primary candidates must file their nominating petitions no later than NOON on April 3, 2014; candidates who intend to run as independents on the November ballot must also file their petitions by NOON on April 3, 2014.
5. **Where to File.** Primary and independent candidates must file their original nominating petition in the office of the State Election Commission and a certified duplicate in the office of the Coordinator of Elections. Both of these must be received by the qualifying deadline and may be mailed to:

Division of Elections
312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue
William R. Snodgrass Tower, 7th Floor
Nashville, Tennessee 37243
(615) 741-7956

Primary candidates must also file a certified duplicate¹ by the above qualifying deadline with the chairperson of their party's state executive committee. There are no filing fees.

State Republican Party
2424 21st Avenue, Suite 200
Nashville, TN 37212
(615) 269-4260

State Democratic Party
1900 Church Street, Suite 203
Nashville, TN 37203
(615) 327-9779

6. **Campaign Contribution and Disclosure Filings.** Candidates should contact the Tennessee Bureau of Ethics and Campaign Finance (formerly Registry of Election Finance) for information regarding campaign contribution and disclosure reports and filing requirements. The Bureau's address and phone number are as follows:

404 James Robertson Parkway, Suite 104
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1360
(615) 741-7959

¹ A certified duplicate is a photocopy of the original petition with the words "This is a true copy of the original" signed by the person making the copy along with the copier's name, title and date.